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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

To whom it may concern:

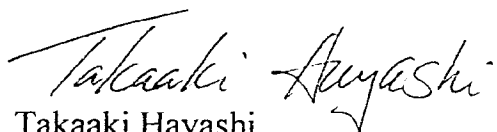
Our government needs to protect our economy, and not to be derailed by attempts to benefit certain companies' interest. It is unfortunate that the remaining states that rejected the agreement have strong support from Microsoft's competitors, in which they reside. Those state representatives have no choice but to support their prime resident companies, and their counter proposal is only to benefit those resident companies.

The focus of this case should be based on whether Microsoft has indeed hurt the consumers and our economy. If Microsoft has not taken a lead in consolidating computer operating systems, and offer compatible/integrated software, we would have induced significant inefficiencies throughout the country, and the world.

I highly encourage our government to move forward and bring this case to a closure that would benefit our crippled economy. There are other major elements that we all need to focus on, instead of continuing to deplete our valuable resources on this case.

Microsoft is now fully aware of its boundaries, in terms of "anti-competitive behaviors," and shall continue to offer more useful software tools that ultimately benefit us all.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Takaaki Hayashi".

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